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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

REF: STATE 62475

1. BELIEVE PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER LEE OVER FAILURE OF VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE TO VISIT SINGAPORE DURING HIS FORTHCOMING EA TRIP. TEXT PROPOSED REFTEL, IN GENERAL LOOKS FINE TO US. WE WOULD SUGGEST A FEW SMALL CHANGES, AS FOLLOWS:

2. FIRST PARAGRAPH MIGHT BE STRENGTHENED SLIGHTLY TO EMPHASIZE REGRET AT VICE PRESIDENT'S INABILITY TO VISIT SINGAPORE. IN PLACE OF FINAL SENTENCE, WE WOULD SUGGEST SOMETHING ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: "BOTH THE VICE PRESIDENT AND I HAD HOPED THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO VISIT SINGAPORE DURING THIS TRIP. UNFORTUNATELY, CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE MADE IT NECESSARY TO LIMIT HIS TRAVEL AT THIS TIME TO THOSE COUNTRIES ALREADY NAMED".

3. WOULD ALSO SUGGEST THAT PARAGRAPH 2 BE MADE A BIT MORE SUBSTANTIVE, COMMENTING BRIEFLY ON CURRENT GLOBAL ISSUES RATHER THAN MERELY CATALOGING THEM. IT MIGHT, FOR EXAMPLE, INCLUDE BRIEF REFERENCE TO JUST-COMPLETED CCP CONGRESS AND SAY
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SOMETHING ABOUT OUR CURRENT VIEWS OF MAJOR EA DEVELOPMENTS. SENTENCE ON ECONOMIC ISSUES COULD BE STRENGTHENED BY NOTING CONTINUED U.S. DETERMINATION TO RESIST GLOBAL PROTECTIONIST MEASURES, AN ISSUE OF MAJOR CONCERN TO PRIME MINISTER LEE. FINAL SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH LOOKS GOOD AS IT STANDS.

4. WE HAVE NO CHANGES TO SUGGEST IN FINAL TWO PARAGRAPHS OF

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